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SUBJECT: ECOSOC: 5TH BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON
CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL, VIENNA, JUNE 5-16, 1978

REF: STATE 136392

1. UN COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL, WHICH
IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER, HOFBURG,
JUNE 5-16, IS A 15-MEMBER EXPERT ADVISORY BODY SPECIALIZING
IN THE FIELD OF THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT
OF OFFENDERS. THE EXPERT MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FROM THE
U.S. IS MR. RICHARD W. VELDE, ATTORNEY AT LAW AND FORMERLY
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRA-
TION (LEAA), DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

2. A MAJOR ITEM ON THE COMMITTEE'S AGENDA WILL RELATE TO
THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SIXTH UN CONGRESS ON THE PREVEN-
TION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS. THIS
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CONGRESS, WHICH IS HELD EVERY 5 YEARS, WILL BE CONVENED AT
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA IN AUGUST 1980. THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONGRESS, WHICH WILL
BE ATTENDED BY LEADING LAW OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENTS OF ALL
UN MEMBER STATES. AT PAST CONGRESSES UNITED STATES
DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN HEADED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR

HIS DEPUTY AND HAVE INCLUDED PROMINENT U.S. JUDGES AND OFFICIALS IN THE FIELD OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DEAL WITH OTHER ITEMS OF BROAD HUMAN RIGHTS SIGNIFICANCE RELATING TO THE PROBLEMS OF TORTURE, THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS, AND THE CONDUCT OF CRIMINAL CASES. BECAUSE OF USG'S SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, DEPT HAS DESIGNATED AN OFFICIAL OBSERVER , MR. RONALD L. GAINER, PER REFTTEL.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASSIST MR. GAINER AS HE MAY REQUIRE, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE NAME OF PERSON GAINER SHOULD CONTACT AT EMBASSY. VANCE

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